

THE KEEPERS OF CAPE HATTERAS LIGHT

The information in this list, which is sorted chronologically by date of appointment, was compiled from available records, which are often spotty and incomplete. Many Lighthouse Service records were destroyed in a fire at the Commerce Department in the 1920s, but the list is fairly complete nonetheless. There may have been personnel who are not named here.

K=Principal Keeper; A1=first Assistant keeper; A2=second assistant keeper; A3=third assistant keeper

Please note:

- Position (A3), third assistant keeper, was abolished in January 1906, probably due to the demise of the Cape Point Beacon, which had been the primary responsibility of the position.
- Position (A2), second assistant keeper was abolished Sep.14, 1933
- Position (A1), first assistant keeper was abolished Aug.1, 1934. It may be surmised that the abolition of the assistants' positions was due to the arrival of electricity in 1934. Watchstanding would have been much less necessary, due to the reliability of the lamp, and cleaning of the lenses to remove soot would have become unnecessary.

Ref.1= National Archives 1017E, of 10 Aug, 1937

Ref.2= F. Ross Holland, *A History of Cape Hatteras Light Station*

REF	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	M.I.	JOB	IN DATE	YEAR	OUT DATE	YEAR	REASON	SALARY
1,2	GASKINS	ADAM		K	29 Dec	1802	?	1808		\$333
2	FARROW	PHAROAH		?K	1 Mar	1821			REMOVED	
2	FARROW	ISAAC	S.	K	25 Nov	1830	12/?	1842	DEATH	
1,2	JENNETT	JOSEPH	C.	K	6 Jan	1843				
1,2	FULCHER	BENJAMIN		K	?	?	23 May	1849		
1	JENNETT	JOSEPH	C.	K	23 May	1849				
2	O'NEAL	WILLIAM		K	7Jul	1853	9 Jul	1860	RESIGNED	\$600

2	O'NEAL	H.	B.	A1	7Apr	1854					\$300
2	O'NEAL	W.	B.	A1	7Apr	1854					\$300
2	SCARBOROUGH	R.		A1	23 Jan	1855					\$300
2	NEAL	E.	D.	A1	30 Oct	1856	18 Oct	1860	REMOVED		\$300
2	FULCHER	C.		A1?	1 Jan	1858			DIED		\$300
2	O'NEAL	E.	F.	K	9 Jun	1860	16 Oct	1860	REMOVED		\$600
2	JENNETT	WILLIAM		A1	9 Jun	1860	16 Oct	1860	REMOVED		\$300
2	WILLIAMS	ANDREW		A	16 Oct	1860			REMOVED		\$300
2	WILLIAMS	B.	A.	A	16 Oct	1860	7 Sep	1865	REMOVED		\$300
2	FULCHER	B.	F.	K	16 Oct	1860					
2	FARROW	ABRAHAM	C.	K	30 Sep	1862	30 Apr	1864	REMOVED		\$600
2	WILLIAMS	N.	T.	A	15 Feb	1864	10 Apr	1861	RESIGNED		\$300
2	ROBINSON	SYLVESTER		A	2 Mar	1864					\$300
2	RODGERS	GEORGE	W.	K	14 Apr	1864	16 Aug	1866	RESIGNED		\$600
2	FARROW	L.	B.	A	22 Dec	1864	23 Jan	1867	RESIGNED		\$300
2	JENNETT	WALLACE	R.	A	?	?	7 Sep	1865	REMOVED		\$300
2	FULCHER	CHRISTOPHER		A	7 Sep	1865	15 Jan	1869	REMOVED		\$400
2	GRAY	ABNER	H.	A	7 Sep	1865					\$400
2	SIMPSON	ALPHEUS	W.	K	16 Aug	1866	30 Sep	1868	RESIGNED		\$820
2	O'NEAL	WILLIAM	B.	A	23 Jan	1867	18 Feb	1867	RESIGNED		\$400
2	JENNETT	WALLACE	R.		18 Mar	1867	13 Apr	1867			\$400
2	JENNETT	BENJAMIN	C.		30 Sep	1868	15 Mar	1871	REMOVED		\$820
2	JENNETT	JOSEPH	E.	A	15 Jan	1869	29 Mar	1869	RESIGNED		\$400
2	SIMPSON	ALPHEUS	W., Sr.	A	29 Mar	1869	13 Apr	1869	DECLINED		\$400
2	FARROW	C.	P	A	13 Apr	1869	29 Jun	1871	RESIGNED		\$400
2	JENNETT	ZION	B.	A	11 Apr	1870	28 Oct	1870	RESIGNED		\$400
2	WILLIAMS	NANA	S.	A	28 Oct	1870					\$400
2	SHEPPERD	JOHN	W.	K	15 Mar	1871					\$820
2	ROACH	LOUIS	C.	A	29 Jun	1871					\$400
1, 2	SIMPSON	ALPHEUS	W.	A1	27 Sep	1876					\$425
1	SALTER	A.	G.B.	A2	13 Oct	1877	11 Jun	1888			

?	RUE	OSCAR	F.	K Act.	11 Dec	1877					
1	SMITH	TILMAN	F.	A3	1 Apr	1878	17 Dec	1879	PROMOTION		
1, 2	RUE	OSCAR	F.	K	24 Apr	1878	15 Jul	1880	DIED		\$800
2	WHITEHURST	JOSEPH	B.	A	22 Jul	1878					\$400
2	HAUSE	SELWYN		A	30 Nov	1878					\$425
2	WHITEHURST	JOHN	E.	A	17 Apr	1879					\$400
1, 2	SMITH	TILMAN	F.	A1	18 Dec	1879	6 Jan	1887	PROMOTION		\$425
2	WHITEHURST	JOHN	E.	A	18 Dec	1879					\$400
1	BLIVENS	GEORGE	A.	K	21 Aug	1880	5 Jan	1881			
1	THOMPSON	AGUSTUS	C.	K	6 Jan	1881	6 Jan	1887			
1	SIMPSON	A.	J.	A3	13 Dec	1883	2 Jun	1883			
1	SIMPSON	FABIUS	E.	A3	23 Jun	1884	15 Jun	1885			
1	AUSTIN	WESLEY		A3	6 Jul	1885	11 Jan	1889	PROMOTION		
1	WILLIS	DAVID		A2	1 Sep	1885	6 Jan	1887	PROMOTION		
1	SMITH	TILMAN	F.	K	7 Jan	1887	5 Dec	1897			
1	WILLIS	DAVID		A1	7 Jan	1887	30 Sep	1887			
1	MILLER	CHRISTOPHER	C.	A2	1 Feb	1887	30 Sep	1887	PROMOTION		
1	MILLER	CHRISTOPHER	C.	A1	1 Oct	1887	8 Apr	1892			
1	DANIELS	LOUIS	G.	A2	12 Jun	1888	11 Jan	1889			
1	AUSTIN	WESLEY		A2	12 Jan	1889	8 Apr	1892	PROMOTION		
1	RIGGS	EPHRAIM	H.	A3	18 Jan	1889	8 Apr	1892	PROMOTION		
1	AUSTIN	WESLEY		A1	1 Apr	1892	14 Nov	1893			
1	RIGGS	EPHRAIM	H.	A2	9 Apr	1892	9 Jun	1892			
1	DANIELS	JOSEPH	B.	A3	15 Apr	1892	16 Jun	1892	PROMOTION		
1	DANIELS	JOSEPH	B.	A2	17 Jun	1892	14 Nov	1893			
1	SMITH	SANDERS	B.	A3	28 Jul	1892	17 Nov	1893			
1, 2	SMITH	SANDERS	B.	A2	15 Nov	1893	31 Dec	1899	PROMOTION		
1, 2	SIMPSON	FABIUS		A1	17 Nov	1893	31 Dec	1899	TRANSFERRED		\$500

1, 2	SIMPSON	ALPHEUS		A3	13 Jan	1894	16 May	1899	TRANSFERRED	\$425
1, 2	GILLIKIN	J. WILSON		K	6 Dec	1897	31 May	1900	TRANSFERRED	\$800
1, 2	JENNETT	JOHN	B.	A3	7 Jun	1899	5 Mar	1903	TRANSFERRED/PROMOTED	\$425
1, 2	FULCHER	MARTIN	G.	A2	1 Jan	1900	4 Apr	1905	TRANSFERRED	\$450
1	SMITH	SANDERS	B.	A1	1 Jan	1900	5 Mar	1903		
1, 2	MEEKINS	EPHRAIM	Jr.	K	1 Jun	1900	30 Sep	1906	TRANSFERRED	\$800
1, 2	FULCHER	AMASA		A3	10 Mar	1903	30 Mar	1904	TRANSFERRED	\$425
1, 2	QUIDLEY	JOHN	B.	A3	1 Apr	1904	16 Oct	1905	TRANSFERRED	\$425
1, 2	FARROW	TOSEPH		K	12 Dec	1904				
2	FARNETT	HEZEKIAH	F.	K Int.	22 Jan	1905				
2	FALSOM	W.	G.	A2	1 Apr	1905	15 Apr	1905	TERMINATED	\$425
1, 2	BAUM	THOMAS	B.	A1	10 Apr	1905	1 Dec	1905	TRANSFERRED/PROMOTED	\$500
1, 2	MEEKINS	ISAAC	C.	A2	10 Apr	1905	1 Apr	1906	TRANSFERRED	\$450
2	TOLSON	A.	W.	A	27 Apr	1905				\$425
1, 2	ROLLINSON	WILLIAM	G.	A3	16 Oct	1905	11 Jan	1906	TRANSFERRED/PROMOTED	\$425
1, 2	WILLIS	ALPHEUS	B.	A1	1 Dec	1905	20 May	1907		\$500
1, 2	FULCHER	CHARLES	H.	A2	1 Apr	1906	31 Jul	1912	PROMOTION	\$450
1, 2	SIMPSON	FABIUS	E.	K	1 Oct	1906	28 Feb	1919		
1	BURFOOT	JABEZ	W.	A1	21 May	1907	23 Oct	1907		
1	WATSON	VICTOR	L.	A1	24 Oct	1907	30 Sep	1909		
1	WHEDBEE	MILES	F.	A1	3 Oct	1909	10 Oct	1909		
1	QUIDLEY	JOHN	B.	A1	16 Oct	1909	31 Mar	1911		
1	WILLIS	ALPHEUS	B.	A1	24 Apr	1911	30 Sep	1912		
1	AUSTIN	HOMER	T.	A2	1 Aug	1912	30 Aug	1913		
1	FULCHER	CHARLES	H.	A1	1 Aug	1912	15 Aug	1920		
1	SWAIN	MALACHI	D.	A2	1 Sep	1913	13 Apr	1917		
1	BRADY	JOHN	D.	A2	16 May	1917	10 Aug	1917		
1, 2	JENNETTE	UNAKA	B.	K	16 Mar	1919	?	1937		\$800
1	CASEY	JAMES	O.	A1	16 Aug	1920	28 Feb	1928		
1	QUIDLEY	AMASA	I.	A2	1 Oct	1923	15 Aug	1928		
1	FULCHER	RANDOLPH	P.	A1	1 Apr	1928	8 Aug	1928		

1	QUIDLEY	WILLIAM	E.	A1	16 Aug	1928	30 Sep	1934
1	AUSTIN	JULIAN	H.	A2	1 Sep	1928	31 Mar	1929
1	MIDGETT	JOHN	E.	A2	1 Apr	1929	31 Oct	1930
1	STOWE	JOHN	M.	A2	1 Nov	1930	2 Nov	1931
1	WALLACE	THOMAS	L.	A2	3 Nov	1931	14 Sep	1933